THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The following 13 Ministries/Departments have created Cells for formulation, financial provisions and monitoring etc., of tribal development and welfare programmes:

1. Agriculture;
2. Health & Family Welfare;
3. Information & Broadcasting;
4. Transport;
5. Human Resources Development;
6. Textiles;
7. Communications;
8. Labour;
9. Water Resources;
10. Food & Civil Supplies;
11. Energy;
12. Environment and Forests; and
13. Petroleum and Natural Gas.

The information in respect of similar Cells in Central Ministries for Scheduled Caste development and Welfare is being collected from various Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The matter is being continuously pursued with Ministries/Departments concerned with development and welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

1392. [*Transferred to the 13th August, 1987*].

Magasize Variety of Peanut

1393. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our nuclear scientists had recently developed a megasize variety of "PEANUT" which has been successfully cultivated in some parts of Maharashtra and is likely to yield three times more oil than the prevalent varieties of peanut; and

(b) if so, what follow up action and extension programme has been taken by Government to popularise this variety so as to reduce the deficit of the nation in edible oils production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Our nuclear scientists have not developed any megasize peanut variety which can yield three times more oil than the prevalent varieties.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Methanol Production in Sindri Fertilizer Plant

1394. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned this year for increasing the production capacity of Methanol in Sindri Fertilizer Factory in Bihar.

(b) if so, what is the sanctioned amount, how and by when it is proposed to be spent and by whom;

(c) by when the plant with the increased capacity, as a result thereof, is likely to start functioning; and

(d) whether any additional workmen are proposed to be recruited for this purpose and if so, how many?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) At present, there is no Methanol Plant at Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) but the Corporation propose to set up a 50 TPD Methanol Plant. For this urpose a token provision of Rs.